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## PAGING COALITION FILES PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING VERIZON'S PROPOSED TERMINATION OF TYPE 3A INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

### Pleading Cycle Established

CC Docket No. 01-346

Comments Due: January 18, 2002  
Reply Comments Due: February 4, 2002

On December 3, 2001, Central Vermont Communications, Inc., Datapage, Inc., Northeast Paging and Rinker's Communications (collectively the "Paging Coalition") filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling. The petition requests that the Commission find termination of the Type 3A interconnection service currently provided by Verizon to the Paging Coalition companies to be unlawful under sections 332 and 201 of the Communications Act and sections 20.11 and 51.315(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> The Paging Coalition members provide paging services in the New England region and, according to the Petition, they have been using Verizon's Type 3A interconnection service for many years to permit the public to page customers of the Coalition with a local call anywhere in a LATA served by a Coalition member. As described by the Paging Coalition, Type 3A interconnection service "is an interconnection arrangement provided to wireless carriers by Verizon and other Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers enabling parties to place a page to any customer of a wireless carrier by dialing a single local (seven digit) telephone number anywhere in the wireless carrier's extended service area within a LATA."

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments on the Petition for Declaratory Ruling on or before **January 18, 2002** and reply comments on or before **February 4, 2002**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic

<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §§ 201, 332(c); 47 C.F.R. §§ 20.11, 51.315(b).

submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form<your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

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Parties that choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies. Parties are hereby notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at a new location in downtown Washington, DC. The address is 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

This facility is the only location where hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary will be accepted. Accordingly, the Commission will no longer accept these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. In addition, this is a reminder that, effective October 18, 2001, the Commission discontinued receiving hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings for the Secretary at its headquarters location at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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